

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

BOARD OF EDUCATION

OF THE

STATE OF ILLINOIS.

REGULAR MEETING HELD AT NORMAL,
DECEMBER 8, 1886.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL.:
H. W. ROKKER, PRINTER AND BINDER.
1886.

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

NAME.	EXPIRATION OF TERM.	RESIDENCE.
GEORGE HOWLAND.....	1887.....	1420 Wabash Av., Chicago.
RUFUS COPE.....	1887.....	Flora.
B. L. DODGE.....	1887.....	Oak Park.
ISAAC LESEM.....	1887.....	Quincy.
H. L. BOLTWOOD.....	1887.....	Evanston.
B. G. ROOTS.....	1889.....	Tamaroa.
J. C. KNICKERBOCKER.....	1889.....	Court House, Chicago.
RICHARD EDWARDS.....	1889.....	Princeton.
P. R. WALKER.....	1889.....	Rockford.
WILLIAM H. GREEN.....	1891.....	Cairo.
E. A. GASTMAN.....	1891.....	Decatur.
A. L. ATWOOD.....	1891.....	Woodhull.
W. R. SANDHAM.....	1891.....	Wyoming.
THOMAS SLADE.....	1891.....	Bloomington.
HENRY RAAB (<i>ex officio</i>).....	1887.....	Springfield.

OFFICERS OF THE BOARD.

GEORGE HOWLAND.....	President.
HENRY RAAB.....	Secretary.
THOMAS F. MITCHELL, 17 South Elizabeth street, Chicago.....	Treasurer.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Text Books and Course of Instruction.....	Edwards, Roots, Atwood.
Teachers and Salaries.....	Walker, Cope, Gastman.
Buildings and Grounds.....	Slade, Green, Cope
Auditing and Finance.....	Knickerbocker, Green, Dodge.
Training School.....	Boltwood, Sandham, Raab.
Museum of Natural History.....	Gastman, Boltwood, Lesem.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Reading, amending and adopting the minutes.
 2. Election of officers.
 3. Report of the President of the Normal University.
 4. Treasurer's report.
 5. Reports of special committees.
 6. Reports of standing committees, in their order.
 7. Communications.
 8. Motions and resolutions.
 9. Unfinished business.
 10. General business.
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Next meeting of the Board will be held June 22, 1887

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

AT THE

REGULAR MEETING, HELD DECEMBER 8, 1886.

NORMAL UNIVERSITY, NORMAL, ILL., DEC. 8, 1886.

The Board of Education met in the reception room of the University, at 9 o'clock A. M., the President, Mr. George Howland, in the chair.

Members present—Messrs. Howland, Cope, Dodge, Boltwood, Roots, Edwards, Walker, Gastman, Sandham, Slade and Raab. Absent—Messrs. Lesem, Knickerbocker, Green and Atwood.

The printed minutes of the meeting held June 23, 1886, were adopted after inserting page 16, eleventh line from the bottom, after the word re-elected, *for the ensuing year*.

A letter from Mr. Green regretting his inability to attend the meeting of the Board, was read and filed.

Mr. Dodge was appointed a committee to wait on President Hewett, informing him that the Board was ready to hear his report.

Mr. Hewett then read the following report:

To the Honorable Board of Education of the State of Illinois:

GENTLEMEN: Our statistics for this term are as follows:

ATTENDANCE.

NORMAL DEPARTMENT.

Females.....	276	
Males.....	109	
		385

HIGH SCHOOL.

Females.....	44	
Males.....	49	
		93

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Females.....	69	
Males.....	67	
		136

PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Females.....	21	
Males.....	25	46

TOTAL ENROLLMENT.

Normal Department.....	385	
Model Department, all grades.....	275	660

COUNTY REPRESENTATION IN NORMAL DEPARTMENT.

Adams.....	3	Madison.....	2
Boone.....	3	Marion.....	4
Brown.....	1	Marshall.....	6
Bureau.....	7	Mason.....	1
Carroll.....	7	Macoupin.....	4
Cass.....	6	Mercer.....	2
Champaign.....	5	Montgomery.....	6
Christian.....	4	Morgan.....	2
Clay.....	2	Moultrie.....	2
Clinton.....	1	Ogle.....	1
Coles.....	2	Peoria.....	3
Cook.....	4	Perry.....	1
Cumberland.....	1	Piatt.....	8
DeKalb.....	11	Pike.....	5
DeWitt.....	6	Pope.....	1
Douglas.....	1	Putnam.....	1
DuPage.....	2	Randolph.....	1
Edgar.....	5	Rock Island.....	1
Fayette.....	2	St. Clair.....	7
Ford.....	3	Saline.....	1
Fulton.....	6	Sangamon.....	3
Greene.....	2	Scott.....	2
Grundy.....	3	Shelby.....	16
Hancock.....	1	Stark.....	2
Henderson.....	1	Stephenson.....	11
Henry.....	1	Tazewell.....	24
Iroquois.....	3	Vermilion.....	7
JoDaviess.....	13	Warren.....	2
Johnson.....	1	Washington.....	3
Kane.....	5	White.....	1
Kendall.....	3	Will.....	7
Knox.....	4	Winnebago.....	3
LaSalle.....	10	Woodford.....	22
Lee.....	3		
Livingston.....	7	Arkansas.....	1
Logan.....	1	Indiana.....	1
McDonough.....	3	Iowa.....	1
McHenry.....	2	Missouri.....	1
McLean.....	66	Texas.....	1
Macon.....	7		

NEW CLASS.

	Ladies.	Gentlemen.	Total.
Applied.....	178	68	246
Received.....	152	57	209
Rejected.....	26	11	37
Left before the end of four weeks.....	3	4	7

In this class, the following are the

COUNTIES REPRESENTED.

Adams.....	1	Fayette.....	2
Boone.....	1	Ford.....	3
Brown.....	1	Fulton.....	5
Bureau.....	1	Grundy.....	2
Carroll.....	4	Henderson.....	1
Cass.....	3	Henry.....	1
Champaign.....	2	Iroquois.....	2
Christian.....	4	Jersey.....	1
Clay.....	2	JoDaviess.....	6
Coles.....	2	Kane.....	4
Cook.....	1	Kendall.....	2
Cumberland.....	1	Knox.....	2
DeKalb.....	11	LaSalle.....	6
DeWitt.....	2	Lee.....	1
DuPage.....	2	Livingston.....	3
Edgar.....	4	McLean.....	30

Macon.....	7	Saline.....	1
Macoupin.....	1	Sangamon.....	3
Madison.....	1	Scott.....	1
Marion.....	3	Shelby.....	8
Marshall.....	2	Stephenson.....	9
Mason.....	1	Tazewell.....	11
Mercer.....	2	Vermilion.....	1
Montgomery.....	6	Washington.....	2
Morgan.....	2	Will.....	5
Peoria.....	2	Winnebago.....	1
Perry.....	1	Woodford.....	9
Piatt.....	4		
Pike.....	4	Arkansas.....	1
Pope.....	1	Indiana.....	1
St. Clair.....	5	Iowa.....	1

REMARKS.

The enrollment is very large, the largest we have ever had in the Normal Department, at least. Taking the attendance of one year ago as the basis, we find an increase of nearly 19 *per cent.* in the enrollment for the whole school, an increase of nearly 25 *per cent.* in the Normal Department, and an increase of 32 *per cent.* in the Grammar grade. In the High School, there is a slight falling off from last year.

The new class is more than 50 *per cent.* greater than the new class of last fall. More than half the students of the Normal Department are in this class. Hence you will not be surprised to learn that, while our attendance is so large, our upper classes are not very full, nor very strong. The reason is that those who should give numbers and strength to these classes are in the school rooms of the State, teaching. In many cases, perhaps the majority, pecuniary necessities are the potent reason for this. Some of these teachers will yet return to finish their course here; but not so many as we could wish.

MCLEAN COUNTY

stands credited with 66 in the enrollment of the Normal School; but more than half of this number are paying tuition for no other reason except that they belong in McLean county and have not succeeded in passing the special standard which you have required of candidates from this county. On this ground, 25 of the 30 credited to McLean county in the new class, pay tuition. This leaves a smaller number of pupils from McLean county, in the new class, receiving *free* tuition than there are from DeKalb, JoDaviess, LaSalle, Macon, Montgomery, Shelby, Stephenson, Tazewell or Woodford counties; the number from Fulton, St. Clair and Will is the same as from McLean county. It will be noticed, also, that 73 counties of the State are represented in the Normal Department; and no fewer than 58 have representatives in the new class. In view of all these facts, the charge sometimes made, that the benefits of the Normal school are chiefly local, seems to have but little foundation.

DISCIPLINE.

In general, the internal affairs of the schools have gone very smoothly this term; teachers and pupils have been in a good state of health with few exceptions, and the work of the school has been vigorously pushed. But, I am sorry to say, we have found it necessary in one case to resort to severe discipline. Evidence came to us that two of the young men in the preparatory class had been guilty of a scandalous proceeding; and they were promptly expelled from the Institution; another young man, brother to one of the culprits, appeared to have lent his influence towards concealing the matter to such a degree that he was asked to withdraw without expulsion, which was promptly done.

NEW TEACHERS.

I do not deem it necessary to speak further of the work of the teachers who have been with us heretofore; but a few words may properly be said of Mr. DeGarmo and Miss Hanna, whom you appointed at your last meeting. Professor DeGarmo's time has been fully occupied with classes in language, and in German. He has taken hold of his work with much enthusiasm; and, so far as I can judge at present, good results are likely to follow. In the language classes, in addition to the work in technical grammar, he has introduced language lessons, with some children from the primary grade. In his German classes, he has introduced the reading of standard works on pedagogy, and reports excellent progress on the part of the pupils. He has just received from Leipsic something like fifty volumes of German books which may be used for this purpose. So far as I have been able to observe Miss Hanna's work, it receives my commendation; she is dignified and thorough in her work, and commands the respect and studious attention of all her classes.

PROFESSIONAL WORK.

All the lines of strictly professional work followed heretofore have been vigorously followed up this term. We are also introducing more and more into the classes in the common branches, instruction in the principles and methods of teaching the subjects studied. Mr. Cook and Mr. McCormick have given about one hour each day to overseeing the work done in numbers and in geography, in the grades of the model school. Mr. Seymour, too, has continued his work in elementary science, with a class of children from the grammar school. With the seniors I am pushing the work in illustrative teaching and in the study of books on education. Good work has been done in both these lines this term.

DO OUR PUPILS TEACH?

We have definite information, from inquiries conducted by Professor Cook, that between eleven hundred and twelve hundred of our pupils have taught in the schools of the State during the last two years. Of course many others are teaching in the State of whom we have no knowledge, and many are teaching in other States. I have no doubt that at least fifteen hundred of our pupils have taught during the last two years.

PROPOSED CHANGES IN OUR COURSE OF STUDY.

The Faculty are at present discussing some proposed changes in our course of study, the main points of which are to secure some instruction in science and school law during the first year, as well as some changes in the science work of the upper classes, and some increase in the amount of pedagogical study. Probably further discussion, with some proposed experiments, will lead to the formation of some changes which we shall ask the Board to sanction at their next meeting.

FINANCES.

The report of your Treasurer will show, as usual, that our finances are in a close condition. Our school costs more from year to year on account of the increase in our members and the introduction of new work calling for increased apparatus and appliances. It is very desirable, in my opinion, that the General Assembly at their coming session be induced to make appropriations somewhat larger than we have at present.

I present herewith special reports from Professors Cook and Seymour.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

EDWIN C. HEWETT.

To EDWIN C. HEWETT, *President Illinois Normal University:*

DEAR SIR: I herewith submit reports of the Chemical Laboratory and Museum of Natural History for the six months ending Dec. 8, 1886.

Balance on hand for Chemical Laboratory June 23.....	\$ 58
Received appropriation from Supt. Raab.....	200 00
Total.....	\$200 58
Vouchers from 1 to 25.....	163 29
Balance on hand.....	\$37 29
Balance on hand for Museum of Natural History June 23.....	\$24 03
Received appropriation from Supt. Raab.....	750 00
Tuition from Miss Oustott.....	1 00
Total.....	\$775 03
Vouchers from 1 to 66.....	665 64
Balance on hand.....	\$109 39

The elementary science work has been continued during the term with fourteen boys and girls from the grammar grade of the model school. Their work has been in chemistry and has been observed daily by normal students, two to six in number. A better acquaintance with the museum and its needs enables me to recommend that the Hon. Board authorize:

1. The disposal to the leading high schools of the State several hundred duplicate specimens in botany.
2. The geological case has been fitted for the display of over 1,000 specimens in geology. I recommend that the State Geologist be employed to name and classify these specimens and that he be paid from the museum fund.
3. After the display of every kind of rock in our case I believe there will remain at least two tons of duplicates. Should the Hon. Board favor the disposal of these specimens by sale, exchange or gift to the Southern Normal and the public schools of the State, many cabinets might be formed and much good done with what now adds useless weight to the floor of the cupola.
4. I recommend that the usual appropriation of \$750 be granted to carry on the museum work.

Respectfully submitted,

M. L. SEYMOUR.

Teacher Natural Science.

Mr. Raab moved that Mr. Hewett's report be referred to the Committee on Teachers and Salaries, and Mr. Seymour's to the Committee on Museum of Natural History. Mr. Roots seconded the motion and it was adopted.

Mr. Cope was appointed a temporary member of the Committee on Auditing and Finance.

The Committee on Text Books and Course of Instruction offered the following report through its chairman, Mr. Edwards:

The Committee on Text Books and Course of Instruction beg leave to report:

Certain propositions in regard to changes in the course of study were referred to this committee. Inquiry discloses the fact that the members of the faculty are experimenting, in a judicious way, upon this subject and seeking all the light to be had upon it. They are doing this under the most favorable circumstances, and we have entire confidence in their ability to conduct such an experiment as well as in their honesty in expressing any conclusion they may reach.

In view of these facts we recommend the postponement of the subject to a subsequent meeting.

R. EDWARDS,
G. B. ROOTS.

The report was adopted.

The Committee on Teachers and Salaries, through its chairman, Mr. Walker, presented the following report:

NORMAL, ILL., Dec. 8, 1886.

To the Board of Education of the State of Illinois:

Your Committee on Teachers and Salaries recommend the following:

That in consideration of the increased attendance President Hewett be authorized to employ some one to assist temporarily in the spelling and clerical work, thereby giving the regular assistant teachers opportunity to work in their respective departments.

That a preceptress be appointed at the next meeting of the Board.

P. R. WALKER,
RUFUS COPE,
E. A. GASTMAN.

The report was adopted.

The Committee on Buildings and Grounds reported as follows:

To the Board of Education of the State of Illinois:

Your Committee on Buildings and Grounds would report its doings since the last meeting of the Board.

As authorized and directed by the Board the roof of the building has been repaired and painted.

The brick walk authorized has been laid; the new privies completed. The ceiling of the large hall has been covered with corrugated wood with ornamental centers and corners, the walls frescoed and the wood work painted. The quality and character of the work will speak for itself.

The steam apparatus of the building has been gradually changed. These changes, running through several years, bringing the system to greater perfection, have produced very decided improvements in the ease with which the building is heated, and in the amount of fuel necessary for the year. These improvements, gradually made, to say nothing about the greater comfort produced, have proved a source of real economy in fuel and labor. In this connection there is one improvement further which your committee would recommend. The steam pipes in the large hall are the old style, what is known as the return coil. They are liable to burst when steam is being introduced. The pipes are old and inadequate for good work. Your committee would recommend that the manifold coil be used in place of the return coil. The estimated cost of one-inch pipes and manifold coils new throughout is \$140 or thereabouts.

If the old three-fourths inch pipe be used, enough selected for two out of the four coils, rest new three-fourths inch pipe, manifold coils used in place of the present return coils, the cost is estimated at \$80. Your committee is inclined to recommend the inch pipe new, saving the old three-fourths inch pipe, so far as it is good, for repair and other uses about the building.

The question of water is a serious question. Our wells have always been inadequate in dry seasons. The only good well on the grounds is dry, and has been dry nearly all summer. We have to cart water for drinking purposes, and with the present outlook we may have to do it for the use of the boilers. We have to do the latter for a short time each winter, or with few exceptions. The cost of a new well, or the deepening of the best old one, would probably range from \$50 to \$100. Your committee would suggest to the Board whether the time has not come for an expenditure of this sort in the interest of economy and convenience.

Your committee would further recommend that the old floor of the central main hallway, running the entire length of the basement east and west, be removed and a new floor laid, made of Southern pine. The present floor has survived its usefulness, and should be renewed. This work can be done at the coming winter vacation as well as at any other time.

Your committee would further report that the fence around the grounds of the University has been repaired till repairing has well nigh ceased to be a virtue. Your committee would recommend the propriety of asking the Legislature for an appropriation for a new fence, and for a special appropriation for the improvement of the grounds.

THOS. SLADE,
RUFUS COPE,
Committee on Buildings and Grounds.

The report was adopted. The repairs recommended are to be postponed, except the deepening of the well, which was ordered to be attended to promptly by the committee.

The Committee on Auditing and Finance, through its chairman, Mr. Dodge, reported on the Treasurer's report as follows:

To the Board of Education of the State of Illinois:

Your Committee on Auditing and Finance, to whom was referred the Treasurer's report as to funds received and disbursed from the date of his last report, June 21, 1886, to Dec. 8, 1886, begs leave to report that it has examined said report and the accompanying vouchers, 1 to 64 inclusive, and finds the receipts from all sources, including balance of last report, to be \$19,625 86, and total disbursements to be \$14,747 58, leaving a balance on hand of \$4,878 28, of which amount \$4,043 78 belongs to the general fund, and \$834 50 belongs to the land fund.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

B. L. DODGE,
RUFUS COPE,
Committee on Auditing and Finance.

Dec. 8, 1886.

BLOOMINGTON, Dec. 8, 1886.

To the Honorable the Board of Education of the State of Illinois:

GENTLEMEN: I herewith most respectfully submit the following report as Treasurer of your honorable body, showing the amounts of money received and paid out since date of last report. The total amount received, including balance on hand, was nineteen thousand six hundred and twenty-five dollars and eighty-six cents (\$19,625 86). The total amount paid out as per vouchers herewith returned was fourteen thousand seven hundred and forty-seven dollars and fifty-eight cents (\$14,747 58), leaving balance on hand Dec. 8, 1886, four thousand, eight hundred and seventy-eight dollars and twenty-eight cents (\$4,878 28). For details and specifications of the above amounts you are respectfully referred to accompanying sheets and vouchers.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS F. MITCHELL, *Treasurer.*

THOMAS F. MITCHELL, TREASURER,

In Account with State Board of Education.

Date.	From What Source.	Amount.
1886.		
June 23	To this amount balance general fund.....	\$3,482 90
23	balance land fund.....	834 50
July 2	E. C. Hewett, tuition.....	324 18
8	State Treasury.....	557 00
Sept. 29	E. C. Hewett, tuition.....	6,248 39
July 8	Thomas Slade, rent.....	350 00
Oct. 19	State Treasury.....	6,248 39
30	E. C. Hewett, tuition.....	397 00
Dec. 4	1,183 50
	Total amount received, including balance.....	\$19,625 86
	Total amount paid out as per vouchers.....	14,747 58
1886.	Balance on hand Dec. 8, 1886.....	\$4,878 28
Dec. 8	The above balance consists of—	
	This amount balance general fund.....	\$4,043 78
	land fund.....	834 50
	Second total.....	\$4,878 28

ORDERS PAID (Vouchers.)

No.	Name.	Amount.
1181	George Howland.....	\$12 00
1182	Rufus Cope.....	20 00
1183	B. L. Dodge.....	25 00
1184	H. L. Boltwood.....	25 00
1185	B. G. Roots.....	20 00
1186	J. C. Knickerbocker.....	25 00
1187	Richard Edwards.....	8 00
1188	P. R. Walker.....	20 00
1189	W. H. Green.....	32 00
1190	E. A. Gastman.....	10 00
1191	A. L. Atwood.....	29 00
1192	W. R. Sandham.....	22 00
1193	Henry Raab.....	12 00
1688	J. C. Knickerbocker, June 24, 1885.....	20 00
1234	M. L. Seymour.....	200 00
1238	E. C. Hewett.....	1,918 35
1236	Asa Mickens.....	24 50
1237	M. L. Seymour.....	100 00
1239	Peters & Son.....	325 00
1228	Bloomington Bulletin Co.....	175 00
1227	E. C. Hewett.....	1,918 28
1230	W. S. Garrett.....	421 35
1229	Howe Dalzell.....	29 77
1232	Co-operative Coal Co.....	389 25
1207	Holder Milner & Co.....	8 50
1233	George T. Root.....	175 00
1235	W. S. Garrett.....	157 40
1212	George Champion.....	9 65
1220	A. C. Taylor, P. M.....	22 86
1205	Cooper & Co.....	8 00
1201	Foulke & Co.....	2 50
1199	Wm. M. Marmon.....	100 00
1221	John W. Cook.....	21 68
1214	Funk & Lackey.....	53 05
1219	Fisher Bros.....	100 00
1225	M. L. Seymour.....	300 00
1224	M. L. Seymour.....	400 00
1222	E. C. Hewett.....	100 00
1223	E. C. Hewett.....	28 35
1203	Thomas Sylvester.....	38 87
1210	Jesse Blackburn.....	2 50
1217	J. M. Houseman.....	25 95
1218	Mrs. J. M. Houseman.....	73 80
1202	Pantagraph Co.....	23 00
1195	John W. Cook.....	41 67
1194	Illinois School Journal.....	20 00
1206	George Brand.....	15 80
1209	Harwood Bros. & Co.....	8 63
1215	Evans Bros.....	21 00
1200	Fitzwilliams & Son.....	30 00
1192	Watson Stewart.....	150 00
1226	Thomas Slade.....	77 08
1216	Wm. W. Marmon.....	4 95
1213	Frank Morrison.....	75 56
1204	J. Frank Smith.....	7 50
1208	N. P. Perry.....	110 00
1197	Western Bank Note Co.....	1 98
1211	Hornell & Mix.....	50 00
1198	James S. Ewing.....	2,083 37
1240	E. C. Hewett.....	200 00
1231	Thomas F. Mitchell.....	250 00
1241	M. L. Seymour.....	2,083 28
1242	E. C. Hewett.....	2,083 35
1243	E. C. Hewett.....	2,083 35
Total amount paid out.....		\$14,747 58

The committee's report was received and approved.

The same committee presented the following reports, which were approved, and the recommendations for appropriation of money adopted by the following vote: Ayes—Messrs. Howland, Cope, Dodge, Boltwood, Roots, Edwards, Walker, Gastman, Sandham, Slade and Raab. Noes—None. Absent—Messrs. Lesem. Knickerbocker, Green and Atwood.

To the Board of Education of the State of Illinois:

Your Committee on Auditing and Finance, to whom was referred the account of the President with the contingent fund, begs leave to report that it has examined the account and the accompanying fifty-five (55) vouchers, showing a balance of \$3.40 on hand, and finds it correct and recommends that the same be approved, and the sum of \$400 be placed to the credit of said fund for the ensuing six months.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

B. L. DODGE,
RUFUS COPE,

Committee on Auditing and Finance.

December 8, 1886.

To the Board of Education of the State of Illinois:

Your Committee on Auditing and Finance, to whom was referred the accompanying bills current, numbered from 1 to 29 inclusive, amounting to \$1,037 84 begs leave to report, that it has examined the same and finds them correct.

The Committee would recommend that orders be drawn for the payment of the several sums named in the respective bills.

Your committee would further report that the bill of H. W. Goff for \$14 95, not included in the bills approved, be referred to the chairman of the Committee on Buildings and Grounds and the President of this Institution for further examination, and if found correct, that they approve the same and on their approval in writing thereon the Secretary be directed to draw an order for the payment of the same.

B. L. DODGE,
RUFUS COPE,

Committee on Auditing and Finance.

December 8, 1886.

CURRENT BILLS.

No.	To whom paid.	Amount.
1256	Illinois School Journal, advertising.....	\$41 67
1257	John W. Evans & Sons, lumber work.....	255 22
1258	Cone, Brown & Co., lumber and sewer pipe.....	25 84
1259	Harwood Bros. & Co., vise and cord.....	16 60
1260	Jesse Blackburn, lumber, hardware, etc.....	44 67
1261	H. A. Miner, dumb-bells.....	14 40
1262	Funk & Lackey, glass, putty, etc.....	4 81
1263	Thos. Sylvester, brick sidewalk.....	177 45
1264	Fitzwilliams & Sons, sundries.....	14 10
1265	E. F. Perry, hat rack.....	26 00
1266	Cole Bros., carpets and matting.....	31 28
1267	The Leader, advertising.....	12 00
1268	The Pantagraph, printing, etc.....	49 80
1269	Watson Stewart, work and cartage.....	26 25
1270	W. W. Marmon, duster, etc.....	7 50
1271	Central Union Telephone Co., use of instrument.....	60 00
1272	F. F. Harwood & Son, brick, etc.....	10 00
1273	C. J. Kinnie, advertising.....	10 00
1274	Fisher Bros., stationery.....	33 63
1275	Mrs. J. Houseman, washing.....	17 65
1276	H. J. Barton, map, etc.....	22 15
1277	W. J. Garrett, work, etc.....	4 60
1278	G. G. Johnson, oil, etc.....	7 30
1279	George Champion, hardware.....	8 30
1280	Frank Morrison, plumbing, etc.....	57 70
1281	James Dodge, sundries.....	2 30
1282	H. W. Goff, sundries.....	5 65
1283	Amos Watkins, stationery.....	47 67
1284	Evans Bros., brooms.....	5 25

To the Board of Education of the State of Illinois:

Your Committee on Auditing and Finance, to whom was referred the account of Prof Seymour, teacher of chemistry, with twenty-five vouchers, showing receipts (including balance on hand of last account) amounting to \$200.58, and disbursements \$163.29, leaving on hand a balance of \$37.29, finds the same correct.

B. L. DODGE,
RUFUS COPE,

Committee on Auditing and Finance.

December 8, 1886.

To the Board of Education of the State of Illinois:

Your Committee on Auditing and Finance, to whom was referred the account of Prof. J. W. Cook with the Physical Apparatus Fund, begs leave to report that it has examined said account and the accompanying two vouchers, showing receipts amounting to \$100, and disbursements \$28.99, leaving a balance of \$71.01, and finds the same to be correct. The committee recommends that \$75 be placed to credit of said fund.

B. L. DODGE,
RUFUS COPE,
Committee on Auditing and Finance.

December 8, 1886.

To the Board of Education of the State of Illinois:

Your Committee on Auditing and Finance, to whom was referred the account of the President with the library fund, begs leave to report that it has examined said account with the accompanying five vouchers, showing a balance of \$89 on hand, and finds the same correct, and the committee recommends that it be approved, and that \$200 be placed to the credit of said fund for the ensuing six months.

B. L. DODGE,
RUFUS COPE,
Committee on Auditing and Finance.

December 8, 1886.

To the Board of Education of the State of Illinois:

Your Committee on Auditing and Finance, to whom was referred the account of Prof. M. L. Seymour, curator of the Museum, begs leave to report that it has examined the accompanying account and vouchers, numbered from 1 to 66 inclusive, showing receipts (including balance on hand at last account) amounting to \$775.03 and disbursements amounting to \$665.64, leaving a balance of \$109.39 on hand.

Your committee recommends that the sum of \$750 be placed to the credit of said fund for the ensuing six months.

B. L. DODGE,
RUFUS COPE,
Committee on Auditing and Finance.

December 8, 1886.

To the Board of Education of the State of Illinois:

Your Committee on Auditing and Finance, to whom was referred the account of Thos. Slade, chairman of the Committee on Buildings and Grounds, as to the contingent fund, begs leave to report, that it has examined his account and the accompanying fifteen (15) vouchers for money expended by him for incidental expenses and repairs in and about the Normal building and grounds, leaving a balance in his hands of twenty-nine dollars and thirty-five cents (\$29.35) and finds the same correct, and would recommend that the same be approved.

Your Committee would further recommend that the additional sum of one hundred dollars (\$100), be placed to his credit as a contingent fund for necessary incidental repairs and little expenses in and about the building and grounds, which cannot be anticipated and specifically authorized by the Board.

December 8, 1886.

B. L. DODGE,
RUFUS COPE,
Committee on Auditing and Finance.

To the Board of Education of the State of Illinois:

Your Committee on Auditing and Finance, to whom was referred the report of Thos. Slade, chairman of the Committee on Buildings and Grounds, as to money collected by him for the Normal University and paid into the treasury thereof, would report, that it has examined the same and the accompanying vouchers and find the same correct; that the total sum collected by him amounts to \$406, and that the same has been deposited with the treasurer and his receipt produced therefor.

Respectfully submitted,

December 8, 1886.

B. L. DODGE,
RUFUS COPE,
Committee on Auditing and Finance.

Mr. Dodge, seconded by Mr. Raab, moved that the \$800 credited to the land fund be temporarily deposited at interest in a savings bank until the Attorney-General's advice as to the use of that money can be had. The Secretary was appointed a committee to confer with the Attorney-General.

The Committee on Text Books and Course of Instruction made the following report, which was approved:

The Committee on Text Books and Course of Instruction recommend that Buel P. Colton's Zoölogy be introduced as a text book in the Normal University.

R. EDWARDS,
B. G. ROOTS.

The Committee on Teachers and Salaries reported as follows:

NORMAL, ILL., December 8, 1886.

To the Board of Education of the State of Illinois:

Your committee to whom the President's address was referred recommend that the present plan relative to the students of McLean county be continued.

P. R. WALKER,
RUFUS COPE.

The recommendation was concurred in.

Mr. Walker moved that two keepers of the University book-store be appointed, all controversies as to their rights to be settled by the President of the University. Mr. Dodge seconded the motion, and upon its adoption by the Board, Mr. Washington Wilson and Miss Emma Parker were appointed to the positions.

A petition of the Y. M. C. A. asking the Board to grant them the use of some rooms in the University building was presented, and Mr. Boltwood moved to grant such permission. Mr. Roots seconded the motion. Mr. Slade moved to lay the petition on the table. Mr. Raab seconded the motion, and upon a call of the ayes and noes the petition was laid upon the table by the following vote: Ayes—Messrs. Howland, Cope, Dodge, Walker, Slade and Raab. Noes—Messrs. Boltwood, Edwards, Gastman, Roots and Sandham. Absent—Messrs. Lesem, Knickerbocker, Green and Atwood.

The Committee on Museum of Natural History presented the following report, which was adopted:

Your committee concur in the recommendations of the curator of the Museum, and recommend that he be authorized to carry them out.

E. A. GASTMAN,
HENRY L. BOLTWOOD.

Mr. Raab offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

Resolved, That the President and Secretary of the Board be, and hereby are, authorized to draw orders on the Auditor of Public Accounts for the third and fourth quarterly installments of the appropriation for the ordinary expenses of the Normal University at Normal, for the current year, as they become due and payable, and that the Treasurer of the Board is hereby authorized to receive and receipt for the same.

Mr. Roots seconded the motion, and it was adopted by the Board. And the Board adjourned.

G. W. HOWLAND, *President*.

HENRY RAAB, *Secretary*.